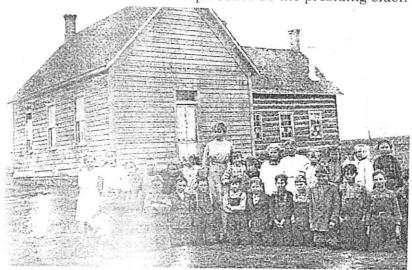


DANIELS

The area known as Daniels (sometimes Daniel) is located four miles south of Heber City at the mouth of Daniels Canyon. One of the first settlers was William Samuel Bethers who established a homestead at the mouth of the canyon in 1874 and built a log house for his family. This as the first of three homes that he built for his wife Phebe McMillan thers and their fourteen children. Others began homesteading in the rea, and by 1885 there were sufficient persons to organize a branch of ne Center Creek Ward with Joseph Jacob as the presiding elder.



Early school in Decree Photograph from Wasatch DUP Publication.



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The town's name was derived in part from Daniels Creek, the major source of water. The creek had been named for Aaron Daniels, an early settler in the Charleston area, who had lived and worked along the stream.

A sister community to Daniels was Buysville named after Edward Buys who settled there in 1870. Buys and his wife Celestia Bromley Buys were called by Church leaders to help build up the Wasatch area. They left their home in Bountiful and moved to Charleston where they built the first shingle-roofed house in that community. Later they moved east to Big Hollow which soon became known as Buysville. As other families came to the area, a meetinghouse and school room was built. Buysville became a favorite spot for dancing because of the fiddling prowess of Edward Buys.

The Buysville area was identified with the Charleston Ward until 1896 when William McGhie was appointed presiding elder for the Buysville Branch. Meetings were held in the district schoolhouse. Two years later the branch became the Buysville Ward with Charles John Wahlquist as the first bishop.

In Daniels, the residents were affiliated with the Center Creek Ward until 1885 when Joseph Jacob was sustained as presiding elder of the Daniels Branch. He was succeeded in 1888 by John P. Jordan who served until November 29, 1898, when the Daniels Ward was formed with Bishop Patrick Henry McGuire.

The two wards, Buysville and Daniels, continued their meetings, socials, and other activities as separate units until May 10, 1903, when the members were called together to approve a merger of the two wards. The two wards were united with a unanimous vote of the members, and McGuire was sustained as bishop of the new combined ward. No action was taken to name the new ward until June 4, 1903, when it was learned that Apostle Rudger Clawson had suggested that it be called Daniel after Daniel H. Wells who had been mayor of Salt Lake City, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and second counselor to President Brigham Young from 1857 to 1877.

During the thirteen years that McGuire served as bishop of Daniel Ward, much was accomplished for the ward. The Social Hall was constructed during 1908 and 1909, giving the ward a larger hall in which to hold Sunday services and ward social functions. He was also instrumental in leading the people to get telephone lines constructed into the area from Heber City.

A significant accomplishment of the early residents of the area was the construction of a canal from the Strawberry area through Daniels Canyon to Daniels. Hyram Oaks, his son John, and William S. Bethers, with only a crude spirit level and a plumb bob, set out to survey a canal HISTORY OF WASATCH COUNTY

Irrigation Company.²⁵

route into Provo Valley. The workmen labored from dawn to dusk to construct the canal which included a 1,000 foot tunnel through the divide into McGuire Canyon. Wages were stock in the irrigation company.

George Muir took the contract to drive the tunnel, and he sublet the work to James and Andrew Lindsay. One started from the east end and the other from the west. When they met, the west end was a foot higher than the east end which caused many problems. During spring runoffs, silt would settle at this point and cause the water to back up. Cave-ins were also a problem in the tunnel and dangerous to clear out.

They spent three difficult years of sacrifice and labor to build the three-mile Strawberry Canal, but by 1889 it was delivering some thirtythree second-feet of water into the Daniels area. Those who engineered the feat looked with pride at the first irrigation water brought across mountain ranges from the Colorado watershed into Wasatch County. Another canal, the seven-mile-long Willow Creek Canal, was finished in 1894 at a cost of about \$15,000. Then in 1922, the Strawberry, Willow Creek, and Daniels Canyon canals were incorporated into the Daniel

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